GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6176
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LAND ALLOTTED TO PIB
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether land was allotted to the Press Information Bureau during 1992-93 for the construction of national press centres;

(b) if so, the area of land allotted alongwith locations and the number of centres constructed so far on this land;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and by when these centres are likely to constructed;

(d) whether a portion of this land has been encroached; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken or proposed to be taken to clear the encroachments?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) to (e): A plot of land measuring 2041.57 sq.mts. at 3 Raisina Road was allotted to Press InformationBureau in September, 1994 for construction of a National Press Centre.The National PressCentre could not be constructed as the encumbrance free land could not be handed over to Press Information Bureau by Ministry of Urban Development.

In July, 2000, Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation allotted alternate plot ofland on Dr. Rajendra Prasad Road to Press Information Bureau for the National Press Centre.However, some portion of two existing bungalows occupied by Members of Parliament falls on this plot. As per Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation, action is being taken byDirectorate of Estates to allot alternate accommodation to the occupants of these bungalows.